Dear Harold, May 9, 1989

Thanks for the document on Vietnam. As I am sure you know Landsdale's name comes up quite a bit in the period between 1954 and the early 60's . When I taught a special seminar on Vietnam a couple of years back, I met and got to know one of Lansdale's underlings in the C.I.A. who said he was responsible for training S.Vietnamese to infiltrate the North to undermine Ho Chi Minh's regime in the mid to late 1950's. If I interpret the document you sent me correctly, it appears the C.I.A. was searching for a pretext to get the U.S. military involved directly. Regarding Sheehan's book, I definitely plan to read it sometime before I begin teaching the summer school course. I have read several reviews of it, one from a Vietnamese writer, and all are very praiseworthhy.

Regarding the Quality Paperback Book Club, please do send me the next subscription form you get. I would like to join and also give you an opportunity to get a free book.

As soon as I can see my way clear of the mountain of papers and exams I have to grade over the next couple weeks, I plan to write Jerry McKnight and Wrone.

Thanks for the suggestions about accomodations. At this point I am fairly certain we will come, but it probably will not be until August. By that time I hope to have done some research to see what angle I may want to pursue in writing and article dealing with some aspect of the JFK assassination story in relation to sociology.

I will be in touch.

Best Wishes,

Jerry